

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re AppIn of:)
Maurice MONCANY et al.))
Serial No.: 09/670,105) Group Art Unit: 1648
Filed: September 26, 2000)) Examiner: U. Winkler

For: NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES DERIVED FROM THE GENOME OF RETROVIRUSES OF THE HIV-1, HIV-2 AND SIV TYPE, AND THEIR USES IN PARTICULAR FOR THE AMPLIFICATION OF THE GENOMES OF THESE RETROVIRUSES AND FOR THE IN VITRO DIAGNOSIS OF THE DISEASES DUE TO THESE VIRUSES

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Enclosed is a response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2003. The items checked below are appropriate:

1. A Petition for extension of time to extend the period for response three months to May 17, 2004, is enclosed together with a fee of \$950.00.

The claims are calculated below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate		ditional Fee
Total	28	-	27	1	x \$ 18	\$	18.00
Indep.	4	-	6	0	x \$ 84		0.00
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim(s) +\$280						0.00	
Subtotal						\$	18.00
Reduction by ½ if small entity						-	0.00
TOTAL						\$	18.00

- 2. The fee due for the additional claim added by this reply is enclosed.
- 3. Exhibit 1 is attached.
- 5. A check for \$968.00 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Dated: May 17, 2004

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